

REAR ADMIRAL LOUIS V. IASIELLO,

Chaplain Corps, United States Navy

Rear Admiral Iasiello is a native of Staten Island, New York and an alumnus of St. Bonaventure University. He has earned graduate degrees from Niagara University, The Washington Theological Union, Salve Regina College and The Naval War College. In 1973 he entered the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) and began his preparation for solemn vows and ministry. Following his graduate theological studies he was assigned to Anapolis, Brazil for his diaconate experience. Following ordination to priesthood, he was assigned to a Franciscan parish in the Bronx and then to a High School in Buffalo, NY. In addition to four masters degrees he has earned a Ph.D. His dissertation is *Jus In Bello: Key Issues for a Contemporary Assessment of Just Behavior in War.*

Commissioned as a Navy Chaplain Lieutenant (Junior Grade) in the Naval Reserves in 1981, he was recalled to active duty July 1983. His active duty assignments include: Naval Air Station, Memphis; U.S. Coast Guard, Kodiak, Alaska; USS RANGER CV-61 (including Operation Earnest Will [Iran-Iraq War] and other deployments to Korea and the Persian Gulf); Second Marine Division; (8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Regiment, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Special Operations Capable [MEU SOC] and Marine Forces Panama (including two deployments to Norway, Operation Just Cause, Panama, and deployments to the Mediterranean); Command and Staff Naval War College (Distinguished Military Graduate); Assistant Fleet Chaplain, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and Deputy Chaplain, U. S. Atlantic Command; Staff Chaplain Joint Task Force JTF-160 (deployments to Cuba and Haiti); Director for Operational Ministry, Atlantic Fleet, and Director, Naval Chaplains School. After his selection to flag rank, he became the first chaplain flag officer to hold both the positions of Deputy Chief of Navy Chaplains and Chaplain of the United States Marine Corps. He now serves as the 23<sup>rd</sup> Chief of Navy Chaplains. He has served as a representative to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA since 1994, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Saint Bonaventure University, since September, 2000, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, since 2003. He resides at the Washington Naval Yard, Washington, D.C.

Rear Admiral Iasiello's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (Gold Star in lieu of two awards), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards); Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), Coast Guard Commendation Medal; Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal; the Combat Action Ribbon; and numerous other unit and service citations and awards.